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PATENT

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2004. A Petition for a two-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response from August 24, 2004 to October 24, 2004 (which falls on a Sunday, making the next due date October 25, 2004). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

On August 13, 2004 the Examiner and the Applicants' representative, Jeffry Mann, discussed a number of issues relevant to the present Office Action. The Applicants and

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